

John Kirlin Moves to Delta Vision Program as Executive Director

Ken Wiseman Becomes Executive Director for the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative

Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman today (Mar. 1) announced hires for the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Initiative and the Delta Vision Program. Former MLPA Initiative Executive Director John Kirlin will become executive director for the Delta Vision Program and Ken Wiseman will replace Kirlin as executive director for the MLPA Initiative. These hires are effective Thursday, March 1.

Kirlin has more than 30 years experience analyzing policies, administration and financing directed at complex public problems, especially in California. His areas of deepest policy expertise include state-local fiscal relationships, regional governance, land use, and environmental and species protection policies. He has also successfully served in administrative capacities, most recently as executive director for the California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative, an innovative public-private policy implementation initiative.

He has served as a consultant to local government associations on matters related to state-local fiscal affairs and other policies and to California state agencies on matters ranging from species protection to oversight of local government debt and the interface of energy and environmental policies. He has also served as a consultant to financial institutions on municipal debt markets. He served as a consultant to civic organizations seeking to improve regional governance in Southern California. Through the National Academy of Public Administration, of which he is an elected fellow, he has served as an advisor on environmental policy to the United States Congress and to the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Kirlin has been retained as an expert witness by local governments, by corporations and private interests, and by the State of California.

He held a faculty position in public administration at the University of Southern California for nearly 30 years and then served as a faculty member at Indiana University--Purdue University Indianapolis for 5 years. As a professor, he authored, coauthored or edited several books and nearly a hundred articles on topics ranging from broad administrative theory through fiscal limits to municipal services. He was founding editor of the annual volume, California Policy Choices (1984-95).

Kirlin has a deep appreciation for agriculture, having grown up on a farm in Iowa, raising corn and soybeans and feeding cattle and hogs. He owns a vineyard in Napa and previously owned a winery which produced high quality Chardonnay wines.

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